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SUBJECT: DAILY BRIEFING MAY 11
NO. 19

1. I EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR EL SALVADOR AND ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTERS; READ US-UK STATEMENT ON RHODESIA INTO RECORD; ANNOUNCED HABIB-GENERAL BROWN TRIP TO KOREA AND JAPAN; GAVE BRIEF READOUT ON PANAMA TALKS' SECOND DAY; AND ADVISED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S AFRICA ITINERARY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN AFTERNOON.

2. RHODESIA STATEMENT OCCASION MANY QUESTIONS, MOSTLY ON WHAT WE EXPECT TO ACHIEVE, ACTIVITIES OF CONSULTANTS, PRECISE U.S. ROLE. I HELD TO LINE THAT WE FULLY SUPPORT (INVOLVED IN) BRITISH INITIATIVE, SHARE COMMON DETERMINATION TO SOLVE PROBLEM PEACEFULLY, THAT WE INTEND TO WORK CLOSELY WITH BRITISH HEAD OF GROUP, MR. GRAHAM, TRAVELING WITH HIM IF NECESSARY TO SALISBURY AND ELSEWHERE
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IN AFRICA. MUCH INTEREST IN HOW "JOINT" CONSULTATIVE VENTURE WILL BE, WHETHER THIS WOULD BE PRELUDE TO RECONVENED GENEVA, WHO WILL BE HEADING U.S. SIDE. I DECLINED TO SPECULATE.

3. REPEATED QUESTIONING ON PROSPECTS FOR HABIB-BROWN KOREA TRIP BUT I REFUSED TO GO BEYOND ANNOUNCEMENT PLUS

WHAT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAVE SAID RECENTLY ON KOREA TROOP WITHDRAWAL.

4. U.S. ABSTENTION ON WORLD BANK LOAN TO ETHIOPIA OPENED UP HUMAN RIGHTS LINE OF QUESTIONING, INCLUDING SAKHAROV. FULL TEXT OF USEFUL GUIDANCE THIS SUBJECT BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

5. SECRETARY'S LONDON REMARKS POST-ALLON MEETING PROVED HELPFUL IN EMPHASIZING "UNSTINTING" AND "UNDIMINISHED" COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY. AS EXPECTED IMMINENCE OF NEW ARMS TRANSFER - SALES POLICY AND SENATE MARKUP OF APPROPRIATIONS BILL HAD STIMULATED MANY SPECULATIVE STORIES AND THIS HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN LAST THREE DAYS BRIEFINGS.

6. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON HANOI EDITORIAL TAKING HARDLINE ON NECESSITY OF AID BEFORE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, PLUS SLIGHTLY HYPED UP VERSION OUT OF BANGKOK. I MADE LOW KEY REFERENCE TO HOLBROOKE TESTIMONY YESTERDAY (BUT NO REPETITION OF OUR WORDS LAST WEEK ON SUBJECT) AND COMMENT THAT WE EXPECTED TO MEET AGAIN WITH VIETNAMESE IN PARIS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

7. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT ON YOUNG ITINERARY RELEASED AT 3:30 PM EDT:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE UNITED STATES UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO MAKE A VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA ON MAY 21. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S TRAVEL TO AND SCHEDULE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. AS YOU KNOW, AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS NOW IN ABIDJAN AT THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE. WE EXPECT HIM TO MAKE STOPS IN GHANA AND LIBERIA LATER IN THE WEEK, BEFORE GOING ON TO LISBON TO MEET WITH VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE THIS COMING WEEKEND. BECAUSE OF THE UNAVAILABILITY OF NIGERIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER GARBA, WHO WILL BE AWAY FROM NIGERIA, AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAD DECIDED TO DEFER HIS VISIT TO LAGOS UNTIL LATER.

THEREAFTER, IN CARRYING OUT A PRINCIPAL PURPOSE FOR HIS TRIP, AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL BE LEADING THE DELEGATION TO THE UN CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA IN MAPUTO FROM MAY 16-21. FOLLOWING THE VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA, AMBASSADOR YOUNG EXPECTS TO TRAVEL TO SUDAN AND PERHAPS OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

Q: WHAT ABOUT PROPOSED STOP IN ANGOLA AS INDICATED IN
NY TIMES?

A: WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR SUCH A VISIT AT THIS TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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